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LOK SABHA

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PERFORMANCE OF COTTON GINNING INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of cotton processed by the cotton ginning industry during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the industry is running at 35% of its capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons for its poor performance; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of ginning industry?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The quantity of cotton processed during the last three years and the current year is as under:

YEAR (OCT.- SEPT.)	QUANTITY IN LAKH BALES OF 170 KG. EACH
1997-98	158
1998-99	165
1999-2000	156
2000-01(Estimated)	146

Source: Cotton Advisory Board.

(b) & (c) The ginning and pressing activities are seasonal ones spanning over a period of 6-8 months in a year. During rest of the period, such activities depend on the availability of Kapas(seed cotton).

(d)Technology Mission on Cotton Development has been launched from 1999-2000 with objectives of improving productivity and quality of cotton. Mini Mission - IV ofthe mission aims at modernization of ginning and pressing factories. Under the scheme capital incentive of 25% of the cost of modernization subject to a limit of Rs.20 lakh is given to the entrepreneur.